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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1236
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BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LIMITED
PRABHAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has taken any step to expand its market share and also to increase subscribers during the current Financial year;

(b) if so, the funds allocated for the purpose during the said period; and (

(c) the other areas in which the BSNL proposed to pay more attention during this financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Yes, Sir. It is tentatively planned to add 68,30,000 Direct Exchange Lines in all BSNL circles during current financial year to expand its market share and also to increase subscribers.

(b) An amount of Rs.16574.00 Crores have been earmarked for the purpose during 2001-2002.

(c) It is proposed to provide & expand Intelligent Network (IN),Wireless in Local Loop (WLL), Integrated Service Digita Network(ISDN),Cellular Mobile Telephone system (CMTS), Internet Services during current financial year.